

From: /
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:56 AM
Subject: STOP CONGLOMERATE CONSOLIDATION - NOW !!

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From: Norman Samuelson
To: @fcc.gov
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:30 AM
Subject: Allowing large companies to own more TV stations in major markets

I am writing to express my disagreement with your proposed rule change which would allow large companies to own additional TV stations in major markets.

It is clearly NOT in the public interest to allow already powerful media companies to get even more control. What good does the FCC do if it does not protect us from such things. This seems on the face of it to be one of the stupidest things the federal government has done (domestically) in a long time.

- Norm -

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From: Ronald West
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjmwev@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:40 AM
Subject: Changes in Regulations

Dear FCC Commissioners,
We urge that you not adopt the new proposed regulations that would allow further concentration of media outlets into fewer hands.
Ron & Marlies West
Boulder, Colorado

From: William Schneider
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, jmweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:47 AM
Subject: Consolidation Jun 2 meeting

Dear Sir,

Wasn't it John Adams who said that dispersion of power was our surest method of remaining free? Shouldn't we fight any consolidation of power? Especially, the power to use mass media to form public opinion favorable financially to the acquirers of mass media?

Sincerely yours,

Bill
Schneider

From: BBiggert@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:48 AM
Subject: Freedom Of Speech

Dear Mr. Powell,

Please know that the American people want our local news to be available from more than 2 sources. If we allow this to continue to pyramid from what it is now, there will be a situation that will occur that will not be able to be fixed without a major undertaking. Looking forward at the issues that this vote could result in, would allow you to see that we already currently have issues with the current laws that are in place. Clearing a path for more of the major players to become even more saturated in our local news (television, radio, and billboards) puts even more issues on the plate.

Please reconsider your position on your vote tomorrow. The American people have always stood up for the rights of our freedom from the beginning of our heritage. This is one subject that means alot to each and everyone of us. I live in Jacksonville, Florida and we have seen this our local news turn from 3 major television stations to 2, due to the current laws, ABC and NBC are now owned by one entity and there local news is the same on both stations, not to mention the radio stations in this city and this is just one city in the South that the laws have currently affected. What happens in a local emergency, if the station, both television and radio are the same entity that is part of the EAS and in the middle of the night, they are not even there because of the automation of their operations? With the nations' continued threats of terror, this is one area that concerns us all and should be a concern to you and your commission.

I and the American people appeal to you and your commission to act in the best interest of the American people, please preserve the freedom of speech in our local communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Renee Mainwaring

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Eric Grey
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:59 AM
Subject: FCC Regulation

Commissioners:

I urge you NOT to weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media.

Media ownership would be concentrated among fewer companies, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints would be compromised. Plus, it would likely result in higher costs for businesses that advertise in local media, and those costs would likely be passed onto consumers.

If you fail to heed the massive negative public comments against these rule changes, I assure you that you will pay the political and professional price. Americans understand that the public interest is not being served by deregulation that reduces competition. Being an independent agency does not make you immune to responsibility of serving the public interest.

Sincerely,

Eric Grey
Virginia

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From: IrishTomJ@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:24 PM
Subject: Regulations

Dear Sir, I am very concerned about the removal of certain restrictions pertaining to the ownership of media. I strongly feel the changes will limit access by the public to more diverse opinions and possibly narrow the scope of ideas being offered. I ask that you reconsider some of these regulations. Honestly-- look at the public outcry over this, there must be something to this. You are, after all, there to protect the interests of the public and not necessarily those of the large corporate entities. Tom Jeffers, Chico, CA

From: roberta hall
To: KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:26 PM
Subject: FCC proposed changes

To FCC folks: Do not let the media consolidate more----the consolidations of the past have been dreadful (to wit, our town's newspaper deteriorated after it was bought up)----and more would even be worse. Make it un-usable-----and ultimately unused, as people turn to the internet and specialized sources. Stop this!

Roberta Hall
620 NW Witham Dr., Corvallis Oregon.
64 years old, and a regular Voter

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From: Jim Brasunas
To: Tony Brasunas, Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:36 PM
Subject: RE: Media Deregulation

Mr. Powell,

I couldn't agree with my son's request more. I am very concerned that the media that our nation is exposed to is becoming more narrow, rather than broader.

I just returned from a trip to Europe (Ireland), and couldn't help noticing even in remote areas, TV carries not only CNN, but news and views from the Irish networks, British networks and Continental sources. This variety of views is very healthy and leads to a population that is more highly attuned to the issues of the day.

Media has such a major impact on all facets of our lives. Let's increase the diversity, not narrow it.

Thanks for your consideration,
Jim Brasunas

-----Original Message-----

From: Tony Brasunas [mailto:tony@garlicandgrass.org]
Sent: Sat 5/31/2003 6:02 AM
To: mpowell@fcc.gov
Cc: kabernat@fcc.gov; mcopps@fcc.gov; kjmweb@fcc.gov; jadelste@fcc.gov
Subject: Media Deregulation

Honorable Mr. Powell:

For the love of God and all that is beautiful and true in the world, consider putting off the vote on this massive media deregulation at least until July, when people will have had a real chance to learn about the salient issues on both sides of this issue. Is it not important to consider that this might be a fabulously un-democratic decision, if it goes ahead? Honestly, of the thousands of public comments you have recently received, how many have supported going ahead now?

In a democracy, the people's will counts. Please uphold our democracy.

Sincerely,

Tony Brasunas

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Sue James
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:39 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

NO, to deregulation of the media.
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From: Hbrazier@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 1:06 PM
Subject: Thank you

Commissioner Copps,

I'd like to thank you for trying to get public input into the ill-advised decisions the FCC will make on 2 June. We are hostage to the money-making desires of the mega-corporations. The Clear Channel actions re the Dixie Chicks show the power of the newly super-sized giants to make the airways uniform and to punish those they deem politically incorrect. I do not exaggerate when I declare that this action will badly wound our democracy.

Sincerely,

Helene Brazier
Bonsall, CA

From: Peter Jones
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 1:20 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Regulatory Changes

Dear FCC Chair and Commissioners,

I am writing to you regarding the changes to FCC regulations that you will be voting on tomorrow. I have deep reservations about the changes that are proposed and how they will effect our media in this country. I hope you will take a few moments to read my point of view and it will assist you all in coming to the most appropriate decision.

If the new regulations are passed as proposed, we, the American people, will lose yet another place where we can get objective and accurate news coverage. During these turbulent times, we need choice where we can get our news from and even as it sits at this time, media coverage of world and domestic events has become subjective and even jingoistic when it should be objective and thorough. I am singling out news coverage at this time because I see it as one of the most crucial areas that will be affected by having fewer corporations in control of our media. Personally, I cannot watch any of the major broadcasters news coverage due to its insufficient content. To illustrate this, just look at how this major story (the further deregulation of media ownership you are presently reviewing) is being covered by the major broadcasters (CBS, NBC, ABC and Fox): to put it simply, they are not covering it. The only sources of coverage that I have been able to find, and believe me, I search for news due to the inefficiencies of the major broadcasters, have been on PBS and NPR. To further this example, during the most recent conflicts in the Persian Gulf, I watched the coverage of the hostilities on the major broadcasters and then would switch over to coverage by the BBC and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, that we here in the North Country get through public broadcasting and cable, and seriously wondered whether the American broadcasters were covering the same story!!

The major broadcasters in this country are not facing imminent bankruptcy if they do not get the changes presently before you. They have done a terrific job of horizontally diversifying their interests and as a taxpayer, I do not approve of this, another example of corporate welfare at the expense of so many other areas where we should be focusing our attention. For these reasons, I request that you vote not to approve these alterations to FCC rules.

Strangely enough, I'll be looking for coverage all over the media tomorrow night after your vote as I'm sure it will be well covered. The media will hail it as a victory if it goes through and as further government meddling if it does not!

Thank you for your time and attention in these VERY important issues.

Sincerely,

Peter W. Jones

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From: VIRGILKEE@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 1:36 PM
Subject: Proposed Changes to FCC Regulations relative to RADIO

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I wish to raise my objection to the relaxation of FCC regulations as they apply to multiple ownership of RADIO STATIONS. The following event in my local listening area will illustrate this point:

One longtime, locally-owned FM station in Manteo, North Carolina (WVOD-FM 99.1) was recently acquired by absentee owners, becoming a "Convergence Radio Station". This took place even though there was already such a station in nearby Elizabeth City, NC, whose signal reaches this area with full fidelity.

What this has spelled here on the Outer Banks is:

1.) The loss of the ONLY station in the area which carried NETWORK NEWS (CBS) on the hour. This news service is a major, worldwide news gathering organization and offers immediacy of coverage of major events that is second to none in radio. This station now provides some sort of State and Local coverage (ONLY) "in the mornings" and lasts only 4+ minutes. After about 10:00 A.M. One has to go elsewhere. There is now NO RELIABLE SOURCE of National and International news on local radio for the remainder of the day, nor in the evening.

2.) The loss of the only CLASSICAL MUSIC source on the Outer Banks. The usual program which ran on Sundays (6:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.) has been cancelled in favor of the everyday ROCK and ROLL format featured on all the other FM stations (that do not feature COUNTRY or R&B).

These losses occurred EVEN WITHOUT the revision of FCC regulations. Just consider what ADDITIONAL LOSSES could take place with your proposed changes!

Virgil Kee
Kill Devil Hills, NC

From: KarenBPaul@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 1:54 PM
Subject: Concerns about MB Docket #02-277, MB Docket #01-235, and MB Docket #01-317

Sunday 01 June 2003

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am not writing as a member of an organization but as an individual deeply concerned about the prospect of the media becoming larger. I am an active consumer of print, audio, televised, and Internet media. As I have seen the parent organizations grow larger, I have also seen a homogenization of the news and music occur. We are a country of diversity, and our news and music ought to reflect the views and styles of that diversity. If the Commission votes to allow organizations to hold even more companies, I foresee media diversity diminishing in favor of material that appeals to a particular, profitable, large market.

We have an amazing culture in our country. Please don't allow media conglomerates to expand any more and minimize our diverse perspectives.

Thank you for your attention,

Karen B Paul
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, jadeste@fcc.gov

From: John Black
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 1:56 PM
Subject: Segregation Should Not Be Rewarded

Commissioner Copps:

The consolidation of media is not beneficial to this country or it's citizens.

The media has the most biased system of doing business in the country. The ratings system used by television is able to segregate whole sections of the citizenry out of the main stream of it's programs. They call it "demographics."

Television segregation of the citizen by age, sex, race and economic status has created a monster of discrimination.

The downward spiral of the quality of programs and the specific use of sex as a sales device points clearly to the segregated system within the industry and it's emphasis on youth at the expense of the rest of the society.

The by products of this system are destructive of lives and communities. Yet the industry is allowed to use this system without comment from the F. C. C. Why?

What about censorship?

The central media that will benefit from this change are all good at censorship. Take the example of the Disney Corporation's censorship of the movie "South of the South."

The movie was made by Walt Disney himself, yet it is not shown or sold in this country even though it has been shown and sold around the world? Why? The answer is simple: demographics!

And that is but one example due to the segregated ratings system now used in the U. S. A.

Someday people will see the result of the changes you will make, but it will be too later. They will be left to suffer under a centralized media who can control the minds and emotions of an undereducated population.

The free exchange of information and ideas will be a myth.

John A. Black
30 year television veteran
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P. S.: I, too, am a graduate of the University of North Carolina,
class of 1957. My tv years were spent in Greensboro and Atlanta.

From: Eddie Taylor
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 2:05 PM
Subject: Serve the American.

It is your duty to serve the AMERICAN PUBLIC. All politics aside, I feel YOU SHOULD VOTE AGAINST THE CHANGES TO THE FCC RULES, allowing the large MEDIA COMPANIES TO CONTROL A MAJORITY OF ALL MEDIA SOURCES IN ANY GIVEN AREA OF THE USA.

Eddie Taylor
Carson City, NV 89701

CC: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps

From: Matt Jones
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 2:37 PM
Subject: Dont' do it!

Don't do it. Don't deregulate the communications industry. Your job is to serve the public interest, not a select few conglomerates. The earlier deregulation brought us the five bland radio conglomerates and less competition. Are you for competition or oligarchies? Don't do it!!!

From: Russell A. Huffman, Jr.
To: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 2:52 PM
Subject: "A De-Regulation is hard to Re-Regulate!"

Dear FCC Commissioners:

I am writing to register my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the FCC's motion to dismantle the current regulations on media ownership. If the proposal passes it will concentrate almost all media outlets into the hands of a few monopolistic conglomerates. The lack of diversity in ownership will homogenize programming and gravely narrow the scope of editorial content. The citizens of this nation will have fewer sources than ever before for balanced perspectives on the news.

I passionately urge you to keep the current regulations in place - or take more Time to know the impact of what you are about to DO! By doing so you will help preserve the kind of accessible freedom of speech that is the cornerstone of our democracy.

Sincerely,
Russell A. Huffman, Jr., M.D.
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CC: Russell A. Huffman, Jr., M.D., Heidi J. Huffman, Karla S. Bartholomew, Will Annett

From: Portobello3201@cs.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 3:06 PM
Subject: RE: Ownership Rules

Your consideration of a consolidation of more broadcast radio and TV stations is absolutely abhorrent. In my geographic area there has already been mergers of many independent stations. Now when you scan the dial you hear the same opinions and formats from every station on the air.

In addition, the cost of advertising for a small business is constantly rising and rapidly becoming the same for every station. Competition is nonexistent, independent thinking is passe'.

Corporate interests will be telling us what they want us to know and think. Haven't we seen enough of the greed and disregard of anyone outside the bottom line interests of corporate America?

G E Derham

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: CyclesPS@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 3:58 PM
Subject: NO JUNE2ND

DO NOT DO IT JUNE 2nd. The airwaves belong to the people and we dont want a few people controlling this.

From: Tlclaire@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 4:11 PM
Subject: Re Proposed regulations

To the Chairman and Commissioners;
As the former President of Westinghouse Television Stations (now CBS/VIACOM), as well as the former Television Chairman of the National Association of Broadcasters, I am writing to you to express my grave concern over the proposed vote on the expansion of ownership that would occur in the event of the passage of the regulations before you. There is already too much concentration of power in the hands of far too few broadcasters. It is not in the interest of the American Public to further expand the domination that is evident even now. The FCC is supposed to be serving the interest of the public. This re-regulation is detrimental to the very diversity that you should make every effort to guarantee. While it is true that cable and satellite deliver wide diversity, they do not in any way enhance the local programming options. It is a rare cable situation that delivers local news, information and public affairs programming. It is nonexistent in satellite.

I would hate to see the chosen few dominate and control the flow of information to the local markets, at the whim of the people whose political and social agenda has no chance of reflecting the local market. I believe that in the interest of YOUR integrity, you cannot allow this legislation to pass. It is evident, if the news reports are correct, there has been far too much "input" from the powerful few, and far too little from the general citizenry. Do not run roughshod over the best interest of the American People.

I sincerely hope that you will serve that public interest by defeating the proposed regulations.

Thomas L. Goodgame
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Westinghouse Television Stations
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From: Msweetgin@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 4:12 PM
Subject: The airwaves belong to the people

The public airwaves need to belong to the public. Please do not take that away. The devastation could be tremendous. America cannot receive it's news about our people and the people of the world through the filter of corporate media conglomerates. It is a cancer growth on our constitution and denies the masses the information to make educated and just and true decisions. I understand this serves a glorious purpose for the 1% of our population who need to secure their "power", but you are in a position to stop a great evil. Do not take this lightly. It is a decision that would make George Orwell a clairvoyant.

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Gregory Peterson
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 4:13 PM
Subject: FCC Ruling 6/2/03

Dear Chairman Copps,

I strongly disagree with the views and convictions that the consumers will be better served by allowing owners to own more media outlets.

The pro's and con's of this case have only recently been brought to the public. It is my feeling that under a less restrictive environment, this information would likely have never been made available to the general public through most if not all media outlets.

Freedom of the press is the only thing that protects our democracy. Putting the care of this vital component in the hands of a few (and a foreigner) is reckless.

If the broadcast companies can not compete with their cable brethren, perhaps they need consider producing a better product. This approach seems to work in most other industries and is the backbone of most conservative agenda's.

Thank you for your time,
Greg Peterson
Milwaukie, OR.

From: Bill Askew
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:24 PM
Subject: Monday Meeting

Commissioner Copps

I'm sure you have heard all the arguments I could make opposing your upcoming vote to deregulate ownership of media in this country. So I just want to hit on one topic now:

Please consider the one fact that I believe you know. The uproar of organizations and individuals in and around and throughout the United States shows there is an overwhelming majority against deregulation. I heard one quote from one of your fellow commissioners (I don't know if it is accurate, but surely the statement is true.) I paraphrase: We are about to enact the most unpopular ruling in the history of the FCC.

I've heard of no one that is for this except for Chairman Powell, the other two Republican commissioners, the media moguls that will benefit, and one talking head on CNN in a panel discussion. How many emails and letters in favor have the FCC received in ratio to those opposing?

Thank you,

Bill Askew
Cape Canaveral, FL

From: Susan Korbel
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 5:50 PM
Subject: Please postpone

TO: FCC Commissioners

Please, please postpone your media ownership deliberations tomorrow. There is so much to say about the negative impact such a change would make on our world, and so very little time.

Please!

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request,
Susan Korbel

From: Marj Lynn
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 6:41 PM
Subject: Biennial Regulatory Review by FCC

Dear Commissioner,

I implore you to maintain the current broadcast ownership rules and not allow cross-ownership of broadcast stations and newspapers. The information citizens receive depends on your Commission maintaining a fair use of communications with access to all points of view. You should be protecting the citizens from domination of information from one point of view, which a change in the rules would lead to.

Please do not allow multiple ownership and dilute our protections. You have an obligation to speak for the consumer and not for the owners, who would limit the points of view we receive.

Thank you for protecting the citizens of our country.

Marjorie Lynn
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From: McPherson
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:22 PM
Subject: Not to Big

Dear Sir,

My interests have NOT been served by larger companies owning more and more of the media.

The press must be kept free from business influence.

I am opposed to consolidation of the media.

Please keep Speech Free

Thank You,

David McPherson

From: JANZIL@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:02 PM
Subject: Re: changing rules

I wish to express my concern about the proposed changing of the FCC rules regarding ownership of media outlets. I am hopeful you will see fit to postpone this vote by the FCC until after further study and consideration of the importance of this decision.

Thank you for your consideration of my appeal.

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